

**Petition of Dig Safe Systems, Inc. for Implementation of  
811 as the Abbreviated Dialing Code for Providing  
Notification of Excavation Activities to Underground  
Facility Operators Within Massachusetts**

## JOINT STATUS REPORT

As directed in the Hearing Officer's Ruling issued in this proceeding on June 23, 2006, Dig Safe, Inc. ("Dig Safe") and Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon MA") hereby report as to the status of their discussions concerning the issue of cost recovery.

1. Verizon MA continues to work diligently to prepare a firm cost assessment for Dig Safe for 811 implementation in Massachusetts, based in part on tests Verizon MA conducted ending in June as to the plant and system modifications necessary to implement 811 dialing service. As a result, however, Verizon MA has not yet been able to provide such cost information to Dig Safe, and the parties have had no communications regarding cost recovery since Dig Safe submitted its Carrier Report to the Department on June 9, 2006.

2. As far as Dig Safe and Verizon MA are concerned, the only issue in this proceeding that has yet to be resolved, and which may require Department resolution, is the issue of the financial arrangements for cost recovery.

3. Although there have been no recent discussions regarding costs both parties would like to continue negotiations concerning this issue, which could be resolved without Department action.

4. In addition, discussions are underway at a national level to develop a uniform, nationwide resolution of cost recovery and other 811 implementation issues. Specifically, on June 27, 2006, a nationwide 811 Summit was held in Dallas between representatives of the telecommunications industry and One Call System, International (“OCSI”), an organization that represents the nation’s one-call centers, including Dig Safe, to share implementation details and information on 811 service, including perspectives on how to simplify pre-implementation and implementation activities, identify responsibilities, disseminate information and identify issues which may benefit from resolution at the national level. This 811 Summit presented an opportunity for discussions among the parties to develop a common approach on all issues, including cost and compensation, and thus avoid the duplication of efforts and the need for state-by-state resolution of such issues. This is similar to the approach that Verizon Wireless and OSCI successfully utilized to reach agreement on how to implement the 811 service at a national level. A second 811 Summit meeting has been scheduled for August 2-3, 2006 in Atlanta.

(Meeting notice and details can be found at

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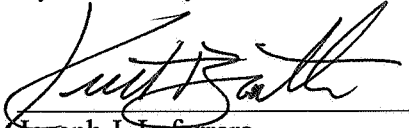
Verizon MA each have an interest in the national implementation of 811 and related issues such as cost recovery, the parties agree that they will both make request that the issue of cost recovery be addressed at the next 811 Summit scheduled for August 2-3, 2006.

5. Accordingly, Dig Safe and Verizon MA request that the Department allow Verizon MA and Dig Safe additional time to attempt to address the issue of costs associated with the implementation of 811. The parties suggest that they file a second report on August 31, 2006 regarding the status of these discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

DIG SAFE, INC.

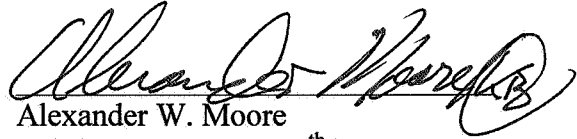
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